Books + Tutoring + Enrichment + Smiles = Summer at NHR!

What a great summer at NHR!

During our six-week session, our students explored enrichment clubs including math, performing arts, science and chess. Our youngest students attended our Pre-K and Kindergarten camp with us and students had the opportunity to go to Mystic Aquarium, kayaking with Kingfisher Adventures and cruise around the Thimble Islands! And, of course, we provided over 300 hours of one-on-one tutoring every week of the session and distributed thousands of books to build home libraries. We were busy!

The goal of summer is two-fold: to provide tutoring and enrichment experiences for our students and to prepare them for their next school year. We are grateful for the support of our terrific volunteers, United Way of Greater New Haven, Woman’s Seaman’s Friend Society of CT, KeyBank Foundation, and donors like you for making summer such a success.

It is more critical than ever that we support our community’s children in their reading as the recent publication of the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) reading scores has shown that 84% of third graders in New Haven are reading BELOW grade level.

If you have one hour a week to change the life of a child – please join us as a tutor! We provide all the training and support you will need. To find out more contact us at volunteer@newhavenreads.org.
Governor Lamont and Senator Gary Winfield see NHR programs in action

We were so happy to welcome Governor Ned Lamont and State Senator Gary Winfield to New Haven Reads on Friday, July 22. The Governor and the Senator saw our tutoring in action and talked with tutoring pairs and the students in our Arts and Crafts enrichment clubs.

We appreciated the opportunity to talk about our programs which are even more important now because of the effects of the pandemic on student learning and well-being. We also discussed the important June 2021 “Right to Reads” legislation passed by the CT Legislature that systemizes a statewide reading response.

NHR’s RISE Program has stellar results

Our RISE (Reading Intervention Success Everyday) program is two years strong! This is an intensive program for selected students who require explicit and differentiated Structured Literacy interventions to be successful readers.

We are so proud of our students and their hard work! We have a wealth of positive data including that, on average, students are now reading 25 more words per minute from the fall to spring which is a 78% increase. This is a powerful measure of reading fluency.

In the fall, we will grow this program from seven to ten students and we look forward to their continued success as they build skills and confidence. A special thank you to Literacy How and the amazing tutors who work in the RISE program.
Calling all teachers!

Register to come get free books for your classrooms in time for the new school year!
Saturday, August 27; 11am – 3pm
Please share with teachers in your networks!

Kindergarten Guest Reader:
Sen. Gary Winfield

Thank you to State Senator Gary Winfield for coming to read to our Kindergarten Campers! They loved having a special guest reader and had fun making thank you letters!

Fall tutoring will be here before we know it!
The NHR Education Team is already busy with fall planning. Tutoring programs will restart on Tuesday, September 6.

We will be welcoming lots of students this fall! **We will need tutors to support these students!** Please consider becoming a tutor. For those who want to find out more, join us for a Tutoring Information Session on August 25, at 6:30pm at 45 Bristol Street. We will also hold a New Tutor Training on August 20, (10-11am) and August 31, (5-6pm). Both will be via Zoom.
Upcoming Events and Important Dates

Summer Session Ends: Friday, August 12
August Recess: Monday, August 15 to Friday, August 19. No NHR programs.
Book Bank is open 12pm-4pm
Tutor Bingo Night: Friday, August 19 7pm (45 Bristol St.)
New Tutor Training: August 20, 10-11am (via Zoom)
Tutoring Information Session: August 25, 6:30pm (45 Bristol St.)
Fall Registration for returning families: August 24-26
New Tutor Training: August 31, 5-6pm (via Zoom)
Labor Day: Monday, September 5 NHR closed for all programs and the Book Bank
First day of fall tutoring session: Tuesday, September 6

Summer at NHR by the numbers

Working with 142 students at 3 locations every week for 388 hours of programs
Thank you to over 200 volunteer tutors!
Running literacy camp for 25 students in Pre-K and Kindergarten 5 days a week
We distributed 7,577 book in July!

Thank you to everyone that supports New Haven Reads – we appreciate you!

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